

Q: We have a Town building that is electrically heated throughout (there is no gas heating). We would like to look at the cost, energy savings, and feasibility of installing gas-fired heating units in that building. Is this eligible for the grant?

A: This may be eligible for the grant under the category of *"Heating System Conversion Engineering Study and/or Bid Specifications"* When applying, please follow the requirements of that section.

Q: Can a municipality submit two separate applications (two different project types) to this program, for \$12,500 each?

A: No, the limit is one application per municipality or applying entity.

Q: Can a municipality submit one application that addresses two different project types/purposes, and can the \$12,500 request be split between the two?

A: Yes, the funds may be split between two (or more) projects.

Q: The Town, which has its own Municipal Light Plant, is interested in doing an ASHRAE Level 2 audit of the lighting, space heating and domestic hot water heating systems in its Wastewater Treatment Plant. The WWTP is heated with oil. May we apply for a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant for that purpose?

A: Yes, please see the grant section titled *" Audit of Oil, Propane or Electric Heated Building"* for requirements.

Q: Can a private citizen of the town apply for this grant on behalf of the town?

A: A private citizen who is acting in an official capacity for the municipality (i.e., a volunteer for a recognized municipal entity such as an Energy Committee) may **prepare** the grant application. Be aware that Appendix B requires the signature of the chief executive officer (see PON for definition of CEO).

Q: In terms of the Municipal Solar PV project option for this grant, how recent must the site assessment be in order for the application to be considered?

A: Please send the most recent site survey you have. If there have been recent changes to the site, provide an updated aerial image from google maps.

Q: Can feasibility studies for municipal energy resilience projects qualify for the META grant? These could be either engineering/technical studies and/or economic/financial studies.

A: No, feasibility studies for resilience projects do not fit any of the existing grant categories.

Q: If a municipality applies for and receives a grant in this first round, will there be an opportunity to re-apply at some future date to fund a different project?

A: Yes, but all previous grant funds must be spent and all reporting completed and approved by DOER.

Q: Can the Town could use this grant for consulting for street light conversions? The Town currently uses High Pressure Sodium Vapor for street lights and wants to explore the possibility of using LEDS, but want to be certain of the placement, light spread, utility incentives, and lifecycle costs and would like to hire a consultant to assist with this process. Would this be eligible for the grant?

A: No, street light conversion projects are not eligible for this grant.

Q: Can a housing authority apply for this grant?

A: No, a housing authority is not eligible to apply for the META grant.

Q: Could the grant be used to fund a feasibility study to examine the possibility of putting solar storage at an existing city-owned emergency shelter?

A: No, grants for solar storage will not be funded under this PON.

Q: The Town will be able to provide all the documents required for the application: would providing additional documents improve our chance of getting funding?

A: Please submit all documents required by the application, if you have additional documents which might support the application DOER will take those under consideration.

Q: What kind of documentation is required to prove that a roof has a 20 year useful life?

A: We would like a description of the roof age or condition to ensure it is taken under consideration. If a roof replacement is planned please provide us with the expected date of construction.

Q: We have letters from utility customers expressing interest in Community Shared Solar. What format should we use to submit these?

A: An electronic version of the letter in pdf format, that includes the person's address and a signature, will be sufficient.

Q: When I submit my grant proposal, will I be notified immediately if I will receive the grant award?

A: No, your complete submission must be reviewed by DOER.

Q: Are Regional Planning Agencies eligible to apply for this grant?

A: No, they are not able to apply for this grant for the RPA. They may complete an application for the benefit of a municipality.

Q: We have an installed solar project and would like to apply for META grant funds for help in auditing and monitoring the net metering credits produced by this project. Is this eligible for the grant?

A: No, this is not an established grant category and is not eligible for the META grant. DOER is aware this is an issue and may look to address this matter in the future.

Q: Would the Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant be appropriate for pursuing opportunities for energy efficient pumps/drives in the water/wastewater departments?

A: DOER believes there may be assistance available through your public utility. You should explore that possibility first.

Q: there is a former sand pit in town (not sure if it's town owned) that the town would like to examine the possibility of a solar array there – would the META grant be applicable to that?

A: That could be eligible for a META grant if the sand pit is municipally owned and if the town can submit the qualifying materials outlined in our Program Opportunity Notice (PON-ENE-2015-030).

Q: If a municipality would like to apply for assistance for assessing the potential for renewables (solar, and micro-hydro) which box should we check under project type?

A: This grant is not funding studies for hydro but solar could fit under one of three categories; muni solar, CSS, net metering. Please refer to the PON for the requirements of these categories.